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TAGS: SHUM, UY, PEPR, SP, US
SUBJECT: INQUIRY CONCERNING ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOCIALIST (PSOE) SENATOR FOR ASTURIAS RAFAEL LUIS FERNANDEZ, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE FROM PRISON IN URUGUAY OF FELLOW ASTURIAN JOSE LUIS ALVAREZ DEL MONTE. FERNANDEZ RECENTLY WAS ASKED TO INTERCEDE BY ALVAREZ DEL MONTE'S WIFE, WHO TOLD FERNANDEZ THAT HER HUSBAND IS SERVING NINE YEARS IN THE "PENAL DE LIBERTAD" FOR "POLITICAL" CRIMES.

2. WHILE WE REALIZE THE OBVIOUS LIMITS ON WHAT EMBASSY MONTIVIDEO CAN OR SHOULD DO IN SUCH A CASE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO FERNANDEZ' REQUEST. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO COULD PROVIDE US ON THE ALVAREZ DEL MONTE CASE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR HIS RELEASE, WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL HERE. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO US IF WE COULD PROVIDE FERNANDEZ WITH A STATUS REPORT ON USG EFFORTS AND POLICY WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL PRISONERS GENERALLY IN URUGUAY.

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3. FYI WE BELIEVE FERNANDEZ' REQUEST DERIVES IN PART FROM THE PSOE'S LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY. PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUIS YANEZ AND GUILLERMO GALEOTE, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A SWING THROUGH BOLIVIA, CHILE, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY FOUND MONTEVIDEO BY FAR THE BLEAKEST, MOST DEPRESSING CAPITAL THEY VISITED. THEY BELIEVED THE

REGIME WAS DEEPLY DUG IN AND THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE
THAT COULD BE DONE IN THE SHORT TERM. EVEN SO, THEY
EXPRESSED PARTICULAR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THEIR AMBASSADOR,
WHO THEY THOUGHT COULD BE DOING MORE. TODMAN

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